

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Communication dated August 14, 2006, the Examiner notes that the English language translation of the Japanese Office Action makes reference to three Japanese references, and states that an English language translation of these Japanese references has not been provided. Thus, the Japanese Office Action listed on an IDS has not been considered by the Examiner.

The Applicants acknowledge the courtesy and effort extended by the Examiner in conducting telephone conversations with their attorney, Richard J. Katz, prior to the issuance of the present Office Communication. These telephone conversations were with respect to the exact nature of the material that the Examiner was seeking so as to consider the Japanese Office Action.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, on August 10, 2006 Applicants electronically filed a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanied by a Form SB/08 and three English language translations of cited portions of the Japanese language references relied on in the Japanese Office Action. The Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt is presented in **Attachment A**. Unfortunately, it appears that this electronic filing was not made in time to reach the Examiner's docket prior to the mailing of the present Office Communication.

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